ABSTRACT

The present invention provides a voice data selector and the like for obtaining natural synthetic speech at high speed in simple configuration. In a voice data selector of the present invention, when data expressing a message template is supplied, a voice unit editor retrieves voice unit data of a voice unit, whose reading agrees with a voice unit in the message template, from a voice unit database. On the other hand, the voice unit editor performs the cadence prediction of a message template, and specifies what agrees with each voice unit in a message template most suitably from among the retrieved voice unit data on the basis of an evaluation expression. The evaluation expression has variables of cadence prediction result, that is, the result of the primary regression of a frequency of a pitch component between voice unit data, and the time difference of utterance speed. Then, the specified voice unit data and waveform data, which an acoustic processor is made to supply instead because of unsuccessful specification, are combined with each other, and data expressing synthetic speech is generated.